

Amendments to the claims (this listing replaces all prior versions):

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

for a set of display units that communicate with one another and are being worn by respective wearers at an event that involves social networking,

enabling storage of identifications of people who were within a social network of a wearer of a first display unit of the set prior to the user's wearer's arrival at the event;

~~enabling additions, to the stored identifications, of identifications of people who are identified, as a result of communication by the first display unit with a second display unit of the set, as having been met by the wearer during the event and therefore as being within the social network of the wearer; and~~

in each of multiple interactions between ~~pairs of~~ the wearers of the display units,

enabling ~~one of~~ the display units ~~being worn by of~~ a ~~first one of the wearers of the pair~~ to automatically communicate to a display unit of a second wearer the stored identifications of people ~~that~~who were within the social network of the first wearer,

enabling, without wearer intervention, analysis of the social network of the first wearer and the social network of ~~a~~the ~~second one of the wearers of the pair~~; and

enabling one or both of the display units ~~of the pair~~ to display a measure expressing a result of the analysis of the social network of the first wearer and the social network of the second wearer~~[[.]]; and~~

~~enabling additions, to the stored identifications, of an~~ identifications of people a person, who meets the first wearer and whose display unit are identified, as a result of communication by with the first display unit of the first wearer, to be added to the stored identifications of people who are within the social network of the first wearer, with a second display unit of the set, as having been met by the wearer during the event and therefore as being within the social network of the wearer; and

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 in which displaying the measure is ~~carried out in response to a receipt~~ by one of the display units of the stored identifications communicated by the ~~other~~ display unit of the second wearer~~pair~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized by each display unit being worn ~~on the person of the wearer~~ in a manner to be visible to the wearer of ~~the~~ another display unit.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized by ~~the step by the first wearer of the pair~~ taking an action based ~~upon~~ the displayed measure on the display unit of the second wearer ~~of the pair~~.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 further characterized by the action using at least a portion of the communicated identifications.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further characterized by the action being an attempt to find a person.

7.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the identifications of people including time-related information.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further characterized by the time-related information being ~~information~~ related to a time that has elapsed since the wearer of the display

unit communicating the data has communicated with a third person identified as being within the social network of the wearer.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized by the identifications of people including information related to the location of a third person ~~who is not the first or second~~ wearer.

15.-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A wearable electronic display unit to be worn by a first person, comprising:

a display capable of displaying text and graphics in a first display mode adapted for viewing at a distance by a second person, and in a second display mode adapted for being read ~~close-up~~ nearby by the first person,

the display having access to stored identifications of people who were within the first person's social network prior to a receipt or an activation of the display unit by the first person; and

an information transmitting and receiving interface located on the display so that, when the interface faces in a direction of a short-range substantially unidirectional communication, electronic communication is possible between the display unit and a second display unit worn by a second person, the display unit having the capability to

(1) add, to the stored identifications, an identification of the second person as being within the first person's social network;

(2) receive stored identifications of people ~~that~~ who are within the second person's social network,

(2) without wearer intervention, analyze the social network of the first person and the social network of the second person, and

(3) display a measure expressing a result of the analysis of the social network of the first person and the social network of the second person.

22. (Previously Presented) The wearable electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein the information transmitting and receiving interface comprises an infrared transceiver.

23. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 further including a sensor that detects an orientation of the display relative to vertical and provides an electronic signal to indicate the orientation.

24. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein, when the display is operating in the first mode, the text has one orientation relative to vertical, and when the display is operating in the second mode, the text has a different orientation relative to vertical.

25. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein, when the display is operating in the first mode, the text is larger than when the display is operating in the second mode.

26. (Previously Presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 wherein,
when the display is operating in the second mode, the text is oriented in one orientation relative to vertical, and

when the display is operating in the first mode, the text is larger than the text is in the second mode, and the text is oriented in a different orientation relative to vertical.

27. (Previously presented) The electronic display unit of claim 21 further including
a sensor that

detects whether the display is oriented substantially in one orientation relative to vertical, or substantially in another vertical orientation relative to vertical, and

provides an electronic signal to indicate the orientation
whereby, in response to the signal from the sensor indicating that the display is oriented substantially in the one orientation, the display displays text and graphics in the first mode, and
in response to a signal from the sensor that the display is oriented in the opposite orientation, the display displays text and graphics in the second mode.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further characterized by ~~the additional step of adding to the identifications of people, who are identified as being within the social network[[r]] of the first wearer, of the pair an~~ identification of the second wearer.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the identifications of people who are identified as a result of communication by the first display unit with the second display unit are added to the stored identifications by the display units without direct user input.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 in which the ~~result of the analysis~~ measure comprises a number of the people who are identified as within the social networks of both the first and the second wearers.

31. (New) The method of claim 30 in which the measure comprises identities of at least some people who are within the social networks of both the first and the second wearers.

32. (New) The method of claim 30 in which the social networks comprise relationship data that the wearers have entered before the event.

33. (New) The method of claim 30 in which the social networks comprise data about people whom one or both of the wearers have met at the event.

34. (New) The method of claim 30 in which the measure is based on communication by the display unit of the first wearer with a server.

35. (New) The method of claim 1 in which the analysis comprises determining a measure of an order of contact between the first wearer and the second wearer, in which the order of contact comprises how many contacts are between the first and the second wearers based on the social networks of the first and the second wearers.

36. (New) The method of claim 1 in which the analysis uses social networks comprising relationship data that the wearers have entered before the event.

37. (New) The method of claim 1 in which the analysis uses social networks comprising identities of people whom one or both of the wearers have met at the event.

38. (New) The method of claim 1 in which the result of the analysis comprises a measure of a value to the first wearer of interacting with the second wearer, in which the value is related to the people identified as within the social networks of both the first and the second wearers.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 in which the analysis uses social networks comprising relationship data that the wearers have entered before the event.

40. (New) The method of claim 38 in which the analysis uses social networks comprising identities of people whom one or both of the wearers have met at the event.

41. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising transferring from the first display unit to a social network database the identifications of people who, at the event, were added to the social network of the first wearer.

42. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing in the first display unit identities, obtained before the meeting, of which people within the social network of the second wearer will be present at the event.

43. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling a first wearer to review, before an event, which people within his social network will be present at the event.

44. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling a first wearer to review, before an event, which people within a second wearer's social network will be present at the event.